

# OUR TOWN

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## 800 Witness Xmas Entertainment Sunday

Parish Hall of Methodist Church  
Packed for Community  
Service.

### DRAMATIZATION PLEASE

A gathering of nearly eight hundred people filled the Parish Hall of the Narberth Methodist Episcopal Church and overflowed into the balconies at the Community Christmas service last Sunday evening.

A dramatization of Dickens' "Christmas Carol," presented by the groups sponsoring the service under the direction of the Narberth Players, featured the affair and was enthusiastically received by the audience.

Excellent acting was done by Wallis Boileau as Scrooge, Arthur L. Cooke as his nephew, Hervey Keim as Marley's ghost, and Raymond Vincent as Bob Cratchit, the clerk, all members of the Narberth Players as the principal characters. The scenes in which Scrooge looked upon his past and future life at the behest of the spirits, were cleverly managed by the aid of a back drop. These scenes were well managed and colorful, bringing out in detail the charm of the story.

The large cast which filled the parts most competently was as follows:

Solicitor, C. W. Graham; Spirit of Christmas (Past), Miss Peggy MacGuffin; Little Boy in School, Master Stanley Green; Fan, Miss Trudell Green; Boys in Shop (Ebenezer, Dick), Wallis Boileau, 3rd, and Billy Watson; Fezziwig (best-hearted of masters), W. Russell Green; Mrs. Fezziwig, Mrs. E. B. Clark; Fezziwig's Daughter, Miss Virginia Steinfeld; Young Man and Young Woman, Horace McConnell

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## Juniors Entertain at Christmas Party

Executive Board of Senior Club  
Guests at Delightful Affair  
Last Thursday.

Last Thursday evening the Junior Community Club of Narberth held a delightful Christmas party at which they entertained the members of the executive board of the senior club. The club room at the Community Center was attractively decorated with Christmas greens, a tree, and stockings filled with gaily colored candies lined the wall, one for each person present. Bridge was played and a feature which pleased everyone was the presence of a lady who read in the cards the good fortune which would befall everyone this Christmas season.

Shortly before the stroke of 12 screens were drawn aside to disclose a delightfully decorated table, U-shaped, to seat the twenty-seven present.

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### Reading Group Meets

The Reading Group of the Literature Department of the Women's Community Club of Narberth held a meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Arley Farmer, Woodbine and Cleveland Avenues, on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. William Levis gave a vivid and interesting review of Bess Streeter Aldrich's new book, "White Bird Flying."

## Second Period Honors Announced by School

Many Pupils Win First Honors  
for Six Weeks' Period  
of Work.

### OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

The honor roll for the second six weeks' period was announced this week by Principal W. James Drennan as follows:

First honors—Eighth grade: Eleanor Briner, Helen Chubb, Nelson Bucher, Archie Sparks, Lawson Yow.

Seventh grade: John Krout.  
Sixth grade: Marie Tapp, Charles Timm.

Fifth grade: Virginia DeHart, Betty Grace, Dick Graham, Myra Markle, Billy Morhard, Charles Palmer, Betty Raser, Shirley Vincent, Billy Wentz, Sue Wilson.

Fourth grade: Meredith Munns, Anita Goodrich, Jane King, Dorothy Boericke, Jean Tripician.

Third grade: Margaret Hebsacker, Virginia Knapp, Mary Pruitt, Jane Strohm, Dick Berry, Claude Waters, George Breslow.

Second honors—Eighth grade: Helen Brock, Lois Enz, Jean Harkness, Nancy Haveleck, Margaret McCourt, Julia Poorman, Wayne Deaves, Carroll Palmer, Joe Perry.

Seventh grade: Virginia Bossert, Jane Chillas, Mary Alice Krauskop, Nancy Mackenzie, Betty Lou Nold, Harrison Berry, Richard Boileau, Edmund Bossone, DeHaven Grace, Sam McCartney, Sam Pruitt, Emil Roesler, John Schwabenland, Michael Spinelli.

Sixth grade: Elinor Abel, Kathryn

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## Bridge Club to Hold Open House Mon. and All Week

The Narberth Bridge Club will hold an "open house" in its rooms at Elm Hall next Monday evening at 8:15. A duplicate bridge tournament will be held with prizes and refreshments.

All members are cordially invited to attend and to bring their men friends. Every night thereafter next week the club rooms will be open to any man who wishes to make up a table or to find a partner.

## Chance Gave Church Opportunity to Write His Famed Editorial, 'Is There a Santa Claus'?

Francis Pharellus Church is dead these score of years and had it not been for an article of some four or five hundred words which he dashed off hastily at his desk in a New York newspaper office it is probable that his name would have been forgotten for as many years. You will look in vain for mention of him in most encyclopedias of biography. If you happen to get the right one, you will find seven lines devoted to him—but these as a part of the sketch of his father, Pharellus Church, a distinguished New York clergyman of the last century.

In those seven lines you will learn that he was born in Rochester, N. Y., February 22, 1839, was graduated from Columbia College with honors in 1859, studied law, but gave it up because he discovered that he was more interested in writing than in legal matters, became one of the editors and publishers

## Children Invited to Free Movie Show This Thursday

All children of Narberth, Merion and Bala-Cynwyd are invited to a free motion picture show at the Ardmore Theatre this Thursday afternoon at the Narberth Theatre under the auspices of the Bala-Cynwyd-Narberth Rotary Club.

Any child up to the age of 14 years will be admitted to the show, which commences at 2:30. The picture will be "Charley's Aunt," with additional short subjects. The performance is being given Thursday instead of Wednesday, as was stated last week.

The meeting of the club on Tuesday noon was taken up with a discussion of club plans and the singing of Christmas carols.

## Christmas Rush Began Monday in Earnest

Nineteen "Extras" Working at  
Narberth Post Office on  
Holiday Mail.

### STARTED LITTLE LATER

Monday saw the beginning of the Christmas rush in earnest at the Narberth Post Office. A force of nineteen "extras," carriers, parcel post men and clerks, assisted the regular force in handling the tide of packages, greeting cards and window customers.

To the fact that Christmas this year falls at the end of the week is attributed the somewhat later than usual arrival of the "rush" by Narberth's Postmaster J. Bertram Nesper. "When Christmas comes early in the week," Mr. Nesper said, "people start their mailing about a week earlier than when it comes on a Friday or Saturday."

Unless they are overwhelmed by a last minute avalanche, the Post Office force expects to have all deliveries cleaned up before Christmas Day.

Working as carriers during the rush are Elmer Jenkins, Paul Maston, Paul Cooper, John Mulligan and Robert Harris. Employed on parcel post are Chester Jones, Harry Roser, John A. Purring, Leon Piercy, Patrick O'Hara, William McSorley, Frank Jones, Adrien Horsay, J. A. Sabrouch. Spe-

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## Bank's Directors Vote to Give Information

Accede to Request of Depositors  
Committee of Six  
Members.

### IS INDEPENDENT GROUP

The board of directors of the closed Merion Title and Trust Company Tuesday morning authorized information for a depositors' committee of six members.

Ardmore is represented on the committee by Benjamin H. Ludlow, Philadelphia attorney and Ardmore resident.

This is a committee working independently of the citizens' committee selected last week by the Bullock-Sanderson Post, American Legion, officers in connection with the directors of the Merion Title and Trust Company. Members of the citizens' committee at a meeting Friday night decided to withhold any statement regarding specific plans until an expression of public opinion was registered by replies to the newspaper questionnaires.

The action of the Merion Title directors consisted in passing a resolution authorizing the State Banking Department to give the independent depositors' committee such information as the department considered necessary to rehabilitation of the Main Line institution.

The letter requesting authorization for information was addressed to the directors of the bank and read as follows:

"It is requested that, by resolution of your board in proper form, the department be authorized to discuss such matters relating to the financial condition of the Merion Title and Trust

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## Churches Observing Christmas Season

Midnight Carols, Communion at  
All Saints; Dawn Service  
at Lutheran.

The Christmas season in Narberth Churches was ushered in last Sunday with special music and the community service at the Methodist Church in the evening.

Christmas entertainments took place this week for the schools of the churches. On Tuesday evening the annual party of the Church School of the Baptist Church was held at 7:30. The entertainments of the Methodist, Lutheran and Presbyterian Churches were held. At the Methodist Church, a party for the beginners and primary departments of the Sunday School took place at 2 and a pageant "at the manger" was presented at 8 P. M. A cantata entitled "The Awakening" was given at the Lutheran Church by the Junior Choir and a Santa Claus party in the lower church.

Christmas Day will be ushered in at

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### Authorize Bill Payment

At the regular meeting of the Narberth School Board held at the school last Friday night payment of bills for the new building was authorized. Additional insurance on the building was also authorized.

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## Local Movies

### Cantor's "Palmy Days" and Garbo and Gable at Cynwyd

Anita Page and Buster Keaton are at the Egyptian Theatre this Friday and Saturday in "Sidewalks of New York." Also in the comedy's cast is Cliff Edwards ("Ukelele Ike").

That uproariously funny comedy, "Palmy Days," even funnier than "Whoopie," brings Eddie Cantor to Cynwyd next Monday and Tuesday. Sure-fire fun for the family.

Most interesting personalities at Hollywood, and perhaps most popular stars in cinema, are Greta Garbo and Clark Gable, co-starred in "Susan Lenox, Her Fall and Rise," which will be the Egyptian's feature next Wednesday and Thursday. Based on David Graham Phillips' best-selling novel of 25 years ago, this story has an emotional appeal that is greatly enhanced by superlative acting.

At a special children's party 2:15 P. M. next Wednesday, there will be stage features, some surprises, and Robert Woolsey and Bert Wheeler in "Cracked Nuts."

Friday and Saturday of next week, including matinees both days, the Egyptian will present Laurel and Hardy in their first full-length comedy, "Pardon Us," a more-than-usually interesting feature. "Monsters of the Deep," and "Our Gang" in "Big Ears."

### George Arliss and Will Rogers to Be at Narberth

Lew Ayres and many famed football players are starred in "The Spirit of Notre Dame," the picture dedicated to Knute Rockne, which is playing at Narberth's theatre this week-end.

Two historical films of extraordinary interest will show at Narberth next Monday and Tuesday: "Alexander Hamilton," George Arliss' latest vehicle, and "Turn of the Tide," a thrilling tale of the World War, featuring Floyd Gibbons.

Wednesday and Thursday, the borough playhouse will feature an exciting western drama, "The Cisco Kid," with Warner Baxter and Edmund Lowe.

Will Rogers is coming in "Ambassador Bill" next Friday and Saturday.

## With Gifts and Good Cheer



ANITA PAGE,

who appears Christmas Day and Saturday in Buster Keaton's "Sidewalks of New York" at the Egyptian Theatre, gives her idea of the spirit of Christmas.

### Liability Is Commissioners', Says Treasurer's Attorney

Liability for the Lower Merion Township funds, amounting to approximately \$350,000, tied up in the Merion Title and Trust Company, rests with the Township Commissioners, Thomas Hallman, attorney for Peter C. Hess, Township Treasurer, declared last Friday.

Action by the Lower Merion Board of Commissioners directing the Township Solicitor to make demand upon Mr. Hess and the Royal Indemnity Company under their bond for the amount of Township funds tied up in the Merion Title took place at the Commissioners' meeting last Wednesday.

Mr. Hallman said both Mr. Hess and the indemnity company would refuse the Commissioners' demands and that the case would eventually go to Court.

No one is so old that he may not live a year; none so young but he may die today.



### Story Hour at Library Monday Delights Children

The Story Hour at the Library on Monday was one of unusual interest and charm. It was the day for Christmas stories and about forty children listened with delight to Miss Church's program. "Tilly's Christmas," by Louisa May Alcott; "Nancy Endicott's Ring," by Madge Bingham; "The Christmas Angel," by Dr. Rossiter Raymond, and the story of the first Christmas were among those to which the children responded most eagerly.

Miss Church took the opportunity to show the children the Library's specimen of a desert rose, and to relate to them the history of its formation. Mrs. Chetwood, who was present as a guest, related her experiences in crossing the Sahara on a camel, during which time she made her collection of desert roses, one of which she has recently presented to the Library.

A customary feature of the Christmas story hour which the children give every evidence of enjoying is the distribution of lollypops, a gift from Mrs. R. B. Vincent, of Windsor Avenue. These are attractively wrapped in red tissue paper and fastened with Christmas seals, thus lending a very merry air to the Library's Christmas party.

### Autocar Gets Large Truck Order from New York City

The Autocar Company of Ardmore has received an order from the Sanitary Commission of New York City for 162 heavy-duty truck chassis at a cost of \$486,000. This is the second large order received by Autocar Company from the Sanitary Commission in the present year, the earlier order being for 200 trucks. With the new purchase New York City will have a fleet of 445 Autocars.

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MONDAY and TUESDAY NEXT

### EDDIE CANTOR "PALMY DAYS"

WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY

Greta Garbo  
Clark Gable

"SUSAN LENNOX"  
(Her Fall and Rise)

WEDNESDAY, December 30, at 2:15 P. M.

Robert Woolsey and Bert Wheeler in "CRACKED NUTS"—  
and surprise feature, including stage attractions. The regular price will prevail for this children's party.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY NEXT, including matinees both days

LAUREL and HARDY in "PARDON US"

"Our Gang" in "Big Ears" :: "MONSTERS OF THE DEEP"

## Appoint New Curates to Main Line Churches

**Holmes Takes Up Duties at All Saints, Wynnewood, This Week.**

### REDEEMER GETS HELPER

Two new curates have been appointed to Episcopal Churches of the Main Line. They are David Holmes, who will act as assistant to the rector of All Saints Church, Wynnewood, and the Rev. S. Thorne Sparkman, who has accepted a call to the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr.

Mr. Holmes, who will be ordained a deacon by the Right Rev. Bishop Francis M. Taitt at St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, on New Year's Day, took up his duties at All Saints this week. He is a graduate of the Philadelphia Divinity School, class of 1931, and has been teaching at Girard College. As assistant to the Rev. Gibson Bell, of All Saints, he will have charge of the services at St. Joseph's Chapel, Gladwyne, and of the Sunday School and young people's organizations at All Saints. He succeeds the Rev. Edward J. Bubb who has accepted a call to the rectorship of Grace Church, Jersey City.

Mr. Sparkman, who has accepted a call to become curate at the Church of the Redeemer, of which the Rev. Ernest C. Earp is rector, has been rector for the past three years of the Church of the Nativity, Union, S. C. Mr. Sparkman was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University and is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. He will assume his new duties on January 25th.

### Attractions Planned for Elm Hall 'Open House'

"Open House" on Christmas night from 8 until 11 P. M. will be given at Elm Hall by the Mulieres of the Narberth Fire Company. Burgess Henry A. Frye will address the gathering and Mrs. H. M. Griest will play the Christmas Carols. Other interesting forms of entertainment will be featured. Following the program, those who care to stay and enjoy the social time which will follow, including cards and dancing, are cordially invited to do so. There will be a gorgeous Christmas tree and refreshments. Mrs. J. E. Burrell is in charge of the cakes and Mrs. Howard Haws is in charge of the coffee. The open house is given for the benefit of every resident of the community and all are invited to attend. There is no charge and no invitations have been issued. All the young girls of sixteen and upwards are cordially invited to come and bring their friends.

## Hit-Run Driver Who Injured Narberth Girl Is Caught

A hit-run driver who crashed into a car in Narberth on Sunday night, resulting in a broken jaw for a Narberth girl, was apprehended Monday by Lower Merion police.

The accident took place shortly before midnight on Montgomery Avenue near Brookhurst Avenue. Miss Margaret Nilsson, 17, of 737 Montgomery Avenue, Narberth, who suffered a broken jaw, was riding in a machine with Horace Gosser, 22, of Overbrook; Howard Baldwin, 22, of East Lansdowne, and Miss Elizabeth Plank, 19, of 829 Montgomery Avenue, Narberth. According to police, the hit-and-run motorist crashed into the rear of the car driven by Gosser, throwing Miss Nilsson against the windshield, and drove off without offering assistance. The injured girl was taken to Bryn Mawr Hospital.

A freshly painted bent fender on a car passing through Ardmore Monday night aroused the suspicions of Officer Lance, who captured it after a chase. The driver, William Ayler, 28, of County Line Road, Bryn Mawr, was arrested and pronounced intoxicated by the police surgeon.

At a hearing before Magistrate Thomas W. Cronin, at Ardmore police station on Tuesday morning, Ayler was held on \$2500 for a further hearing. He was charged with hit-and-run, and assault and battery by automobile.

### Beautiful Xmas Operetta Is Presented at School

The Christmas operetta, "The Magi's Gift," was splendidly presented by the Glee Club of the Narberth School, assisted by a group of sixth grade boys, last Friday evening. The play was cast in a sixteenth century setting with appropriate costumes and scenery. The solo and chorus work were very well done and the tableaux were very beautiful. The orchestra, under the direction of Miss Frances Fricke, deserved its share of honors, playing a medley of Christmas carols before the performance.

Miss Fricke and Miss Gassner are entitled to a great deal of credit for the success of the operetta.

The principal parts were portrayed by Dick Mason, Louise Megee, John Lebo, Eleanor Moore, Helen Chubb, Eunice Griswold, Betty Lou Nold,

Harvey Cook, Justin Peters, and William Watson.

John Schwabenland, Drayton Benner, Guy Bailey, John Krout and Ronald Page took the part of Mummies. The characters in the Nativity play were Jane Chillas, Virginia Tobert, Betty Kennedy, Betty Morford, Emily Schembs, Ila Truesdale, Virginia Bosser, Betty Weidemann, Wills Burrows, Sam Clevenger, Robert Tyson, Clarence Griffiths, William Furber, Boyd Humphreys, Ronald Page, Drayton Benner.

The carolers were Walter Case, Norman Egolf, Eleanor Briner, Mary Nulty, Eunice Caldwell, Lois Enz, Peggy Peden, Jean Harkness, Nancy Haveleck, Helen Brock, Margaret McCourt, Rita Salvatorelli, Doris Berry,

Eleanor Sharpe, Hazel Smiley, Peggy McCafferty, Lenora Crispin, Charlotte VanDyke and Mary Duffy.

### Narberth Boy Singing at Oberlin Glee Club

David Strong, 29 Narbrook Park, Narberth, is one of the twenty-eight members of the Varsity Men's Glee Club of Oberlin College who will accompany the club on its annual holiday tour. The twenty-eight start their 1000-mile trip the day after Christmas, and have for their objective Washington, D. C. Concerts are also scheduled for Maryland, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Eastern Ohio. Strong, a junior in Oberlin this year, sings bass.



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## Names in the News

**Named County Detective.** George Bennett, of 230 Edgemont Avenue, Ardmore, was the first detective named in a list of the county district attorney's staff that was announced this week by Stewart Nase, district attorney-elect.

**Joins Allen's Counsel.** Former State Senator Fletcher W. Stites, of Narberth, has been retained as associate counsel with John R. K. Scott, of Strafford, for the defense of Edward H. B. Allen, awaiting trial at Norristown for the slaying of Francis Donaldson 3d. Mr. Stites became connected with the case because of a custom that a Montgomery County lawyer be associated with a trial in the county when a lawyer from another jurisdiction is retained.

**Chosen Health Director.** Dr. J. Norman Henry, of "Woodland Park," Villanova, has been named Director of Public Health for the City of Philadelphia during the administration of Mayor-elect J. Hampton Moore. Dr. Henry has been president of the Philadelphia County Medical Society and the Medical Society of the State of Pennsylvania. During the war he was Chief of the Medical Staff, later Commanding Officer of Base Hospital No. 38 in France. He has a city residence at 1906 Spruce Street.

**To Head Bond Club.** John B. Thayer, of Haverford, has been nominated for the presidency of the Bond Club of Philadelphia. Election will take place at the meeting of the organization on Tuesday. Mr. Thayer is manager of the Philadelphia office of the banking firm of Lee, Higginson & Co. He is a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania.

**Host at Xmas Party.** Mrs. Mary Louise Curtis Bok, of Merion, entertained the students and faculty of the Curtis Institute of Music at a Christmas party in the auditorium of the Institute last week. The program, which included several skits, was directed by Carey W. Bok, of Merion.

**Elected Exchange Treasurer.** Frederick P. Ristine, of Wayne, has been elected treasurer of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. A member of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange since 1905, Mr. Ristine heads the brokerage firm which bears his name.

**Left \$20,000 Estate.** According to the will of Dr. Kenneth G. Matheson, late of Bryn Mawr, an estate valued at more than \$20,000 was left to his wife and the Girard Trust Company under a deed of trust.

**Granted Patent Claims.** Frank B. Allen, of Flat Rock Road, Penn Valley, inventor of ash handling apparatus, has been granted six claims by the United States patent office. He had been waiting since 1926 for favorable action by the government on his application. Eight claims were also assigned to Arthur E. Pew, Jr., of Bryn Mawr, for a process of dehydrating and purifying oil.

**Addresses Kiwanians.** The Rev. Richard H. Curley, pastor of St. Martin's Methodist Episcopal Church, Radnor, and commander of the Anthony Wayne Post, American Legion, was the speaker at the Christmas meeting of the Main Line Kiwanis Club held at Whitehall, Haverford, on Tuesday evening.

### Leaves \$6300 Estate

The will of Mary J. Jones, late of Narberth, was filed for probate in the Montgomery County Court at Norristown on Monday. The will provides for the disposal of an estate valued at \$6300. Two relatives are named chief beneficiaries in the document. Charles Gervin is given \$500, while the balance of the estate will go to Harry T. Gervin.

A true friend is one who never reminds you of the favors he has granted.

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### Another Step by the Depositors

Two months ago the Merion Title and Trust Company closed its doors, leaving the Main Line with much of its money tied up, and with a woeful lack of banking facilities. Only during the past week, following the orders of the State that the bank be liquidated, have steps been taken by the depositors to try to save the situation.

Last week a plan was launched, as explained in these columns, leading to the formation of a new bank. This week a new step was taken in the recognition of an independent depositors' committee of six men. While it is most unfortunate that such a group was not actively in existence weeks ago, there is still strong hope that the community will yet rise to meet the problem.

The plan announced last week depends for its success upon the response of the individual depositors. A special coupon has been widely distributed through the newspapers and by means of reprints, requesting the sentiment of the depositors upon a plan to establish a new bank. Prompt return of these coupons will help a great deal in determining the wishes of the community.

The new committee will work independently of the committee on organizing a new bank. They have, however, secured a resolution from the directors of the Merion Title, authorizing the State Banking Department to release information. Thus, from the information which will transpire, a program of rehabilitation may be built.

It is often said that few closed banks ever re-open. That is no doubt true, but it is also true that few closed banks leave a gap as serious as that created in Ardmore, Narberth and Bala-Cynwyd. This fact alone supplies an incentive for the formation of a new bank, independent of the desirable idea of saving money for the depositors. An additional spur is the fact that a sum of two million dollars in various municipal and school accounts is public money.

The entire community should keep in close touch with the various negotiations. While there is life . . .

### Christmas Good-Will

Over 1900 years ago was first published the Christmas message of peace and good-will. Since that day there have been many wars with their attendant destruction of life and property. But no one would think of denying the fact that of recent years the war against war has made noticeable headway. And is not the expectation justifiable that a few generations more will see the end of war as an instrument of settling international disputes?

To what extent has the message of good-will become an actuality? Obviously peace and good-will are vitally related. If the gospel of peace has gained acceptance, so has the gospel of good-will. Between nations at peace with one another there will naturally exist a feeling much akin to good-will. But good-will, especially active good-will, demands a behavior, not merely an attitude. And this behavior is not by any means so prevalent at present as to be easily noted.

Of all the virtues, good-will is the widest in range and most effective in action. When a man has good-will towards another, he is not merely wishing him well; he is actually behaving in that way towards him. A person of good-will gives to the needy not vague, indefinite proffers of assistance, but real material help. That is the kind that will be most welcome this Christmas season.

### Sharp Justice in Montgomery County

For the first time in sixteen years, a Montgomery County jury last Saturday rendered a verdict of guilty of first degree murder, with a recommendation of the death penalty. The case was the trial of "Big Jake" Lehmann, a gambler, for the murder of Ralph Spanish.

The long period of years since a similar action was taken might be considered a proof of the purity of the County, but many have taken another view. A reputation for poor prosecution and weak murder cases, justified or not, has grown up in the mind of the public. This verdict, well in accord with the evidence, will go a long way toward removing any idea that this County is a good setting for a murder.

The stars and moon may not be any brighter than usual at Christmas time, but colored lamps and other artificial outdoor decorations certainly transform ordinary scenes into something much like fairyland.

## Shreds & Patches

Although automobiles have been in pretty general use for a quarter-century, no code of automobile etiquette has even begun to appear. In fact, naturally courteous people will do strange and discourteous things when driving, the like of which they would not think of doing otherwise. Even the wife of the Vagrant, a gentle and refined woman to whom it would never occur to shout to a friend across a crowded street or otherwise to make herself conspicuous there, does not hesitate, when she is driving in her car, to create an unearthly series of screeches with her horn merely to attract the attention of another woman on Haverford Avenue, solely for the purpose of exchanging a word of greeting or possibly offering to carry her home with her packages. The slips and lapses of his wife are a ceaseless source of wonderment and worry to the Vagrant.

While wandering in a Woolworth store, as has been the Vagrant's wont here and abroad for many years, he recently came upon display of Christmas wreaths daintily made of red paper. Wondering how and where they were made, the Vagrant separated two strands of the red tissue and discovered that the interior was filled with Japanese newspaper. Doubtless six months ago, when the cherry trees were in bloom and spouting spring advanced in Nippon, deft yellow fingers entwined that wreath while the thoughts of the worker pondered the possibilities of the vernal festival she would attend in the Shinto temple that evening. Little could she have dreamed that her thoughtless task involved the fabrication of a Christian emblem and that thereby she vicariously approached the worship of our own good God who, possibly, when the Judgment Day rolls around, will not be too hard on happy, little heathens who have made good Christmas wreaths for Christian people to buy and use cheaply in a year of hard times.

The Vagrant was tempted to write a letter of protest to The Times when he read that "a uniform and new classification and nomenclature of diseases for use by all hospitals and physicians in the United States" had been adopted at the annual meeting of the National Conference on Nomenclature of Diseases, held last week at the New York Academy of Medicine. The Vagrant grew up in one system and has scarcely been able to master another which is now currently employed. The prospect of another is too much. As a boy he broke out with pimples, rash and hives. He had colds and fevers, blisters and sores. He even recalls one solemn time when a grandparent pronounced his discomfort due to "worms." He lived happily with those old and common complaints, all of which responded to remedies as unnerdite as their names. Now he finds that his children have pneumonia every winter and impetigo each summer; their cuts become septic; their tonsils must be removed and, what is more amazing, re-removed and ever and always the physician is at hand to save them from those illnesses which he has fearfully named! The Vagrant wonders sometimes if the fears which medical terms arouse in our minds are not almost as blind as were those of the benighted people of Salem who believed in witchcraft.

The Vagrant recently read, in what he believes to be a reliable publication, that Congressman Ross A. Collins, Democrat, of Mississippi, almost lost his seat in the 1930 election because of his zeal in securing for the Congressional Library the world-famous Vollbehr Collection of historic volumes, including one of the three extant copies of the Gutenberg Bible. Mr. Collins, a man of considerable scholarship, was vigorously attacked by a less cultured opponent for squandering the "people's

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## Once Again the Joyful Christmas Season

gives us the opportunity to send our hearty good wishes. May the happiness of the holiday season remain with you throughout the year and may 1932 be the best you have ever known in peace and prosperity.

Howard F. Cotter.

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## THE FIRESIDE

Mrs. William Bailey Goodall, of Dudley Avenue, entertained the members of the Fortnightly Club at luncheon last Friday. At the meeting following Mrs. S. Z. Shope gave a talk on "The Restoration of Historical Landmarks." Mrs. Goodall had as her guest last week-end Miss Mary West Davis, of Oaklyn, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Wilson, of Shirley Road, have announced the engagement of Mrs. Wilson's sister, Miss Ethel Lynne Brown, daughter of Mrs. George Richard Brown, of Westminster, Md., and Mr. Charles Snowden Rockey, son of Mrs. Helen Germaine Rockey, of Germantown.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lees, of Schiller Avenue, are spending the Christmas holidays at Camp Hill, Harrisburg, where they are the guests of Mrs. Lees' sister, Mrs. R. B. Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stallard, of Hampden Avenue, are spending Christmas Day at Sharon Hill, where they will be the guests of Mr. Stallard's sister, Mrs. L. Martel.

Mr. George F. Stallard, of Elizabeth, N. J., will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Stallard next week-end. Mrs. Stallard will attend a luncheon and bridge next Tuesday given by Mrs. D. Myers, of Lansdowne.

Dr. and Mrs. Garth Boericke, of Kenilworth Road, Merion, are entertaining at a party on Christmas Eve. Their guests will be Dr. Hans Sylvester, of Fox Chase; Mr. Walter Stuber, of Germantown; Dr. and Mrs. William Young, Mr. and Mrs. William Ring, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Rittenhouse.

Dr. and Mrs. Boericke will entertain at an "Open House" on New Year's Day from 3 until 6 o'clock. They will also spend the week-end of December 26 in New York, where they will be the guests of Dr. Boericke's sister, Mrs. Larry Symmes.

The Sigma Kappa are holding a Christmas dance at the Penn Athletic Club on Christmas night.

The Alpha Gamma Chi Sorority held a Christmas dance at the Merion Tribute House on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Van Auker, of Chestnut Avenue, are entertaining at a family dinner on Christmas Day. Among their guests will be Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Leipold, of Stamford, Conn., and Mr. and Mrs. William H. Sebring and Mrs. John Jewett, of Plainsfield, N. J.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest A. Hughes, of Cedar Lane, Merion, are entertaining guests from Toronto, Canada, and Germantown on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Whorf, of Essex Avenue, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Earle B. Williams, of Garden Road, Overbrook-Hills-in-Merion, at dinner on Christmas Day.

Miss Evelyn Jefferis, of Dudley Avenue, will entertain Miss Ruth Quinn, of Wyncombe, this week-end.

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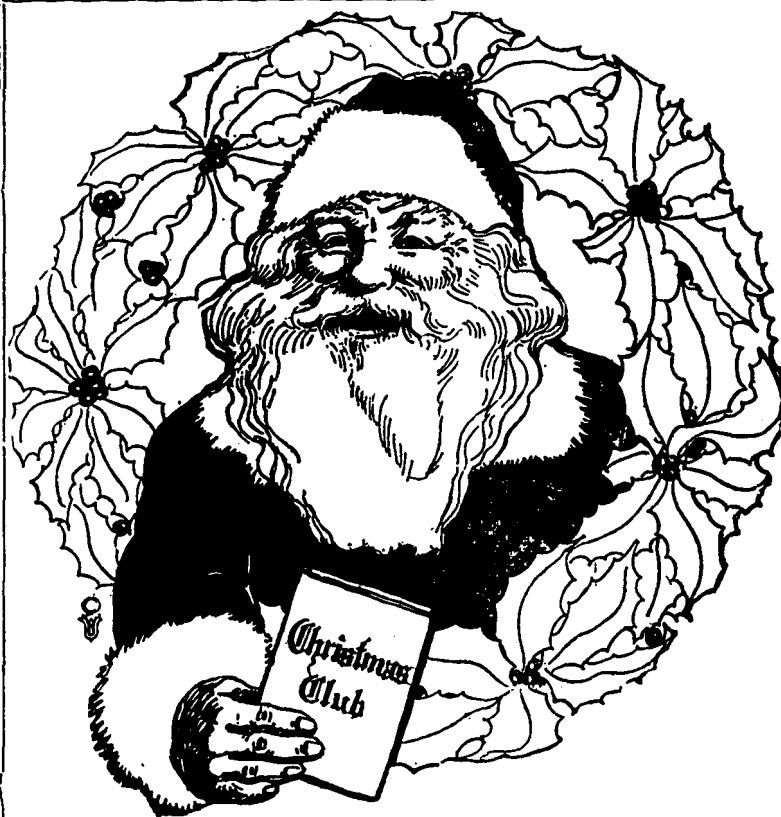
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*"In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty. Russia hangs as usual like a cloud dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly Indian insurrection, and with disturbed relations in China.*

*"Of our own troubles no man can see the end. If we are only to lose money and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom, no man need seriously despair. Yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this widespread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity."*

—FROM HARPER'S WEEKLY  
OF OCTOBER 10, 1857

☞ And today men go about shaking their heads and saying, "This is the worst that ever happened; no one ever saw times like these before." That grows out of our modern desire to think in terms of "records" — record heat, record cold, record mileage, record heights, record depths and actually record depressions!

☞ Here's a record for you if you insist on having

one to think about. Statisticians and others who diagnose our economic health are saying that the amount of money that the people are spending on essentials and some luxuries right through this depression "beats all records." People still consume, and that same need for consumer's goods and that determination to possess them is going to pull us along into better times just the same as it did our pessimistic grandfathers in 1857.

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## THE FIRESIDE

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They will attend the Sigma Kappa dance at the Penn A. C. on Christmas night.

Miss Polly Jefferis, of Hampstead Road, Wynnewood, will have as her guests at dinner on Christmas Day Miss Evelyn Jefferis, Miss Josephine Jefferis, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Jefferis and Miss Ruth Quinn.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Folwell Scull, Jr., of Merion, will have as their guests at dinner on Christmas Eve Mr. and Mrs. Ivin C. Flitcraft. Mr. and Mrs. Scull will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Scull, of Bala, at dinner on Christmas Day.

Mr. Elwood Richardson and Mrs. Clyde Richardson have returned from the University of Alabama and are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Richardson, of Valley View Road, Merion.

Mr. Richard Toomey, who is a student at the University of Alabama, has also returned and is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Toomey, of Stuart Avenue.

Mr. Philip Calahan, who is a student at Gettysburg College, is spending his Christmas vacation with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Ripper, of Dudley Avenue.

Mr. Andrew Smyth, of Brookhurst

Avenue, spent Sunday in Collegeville, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Ronald Paige, of Dudley Avenue, have as their guests for the Christmas holidays Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Myer and their son and Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Aljoe, of Elizabeth, N. J.

Miss Barbara Sutherland, who is a student at the University of Michigan, Ann Harbor, returned last Saturday and is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Sutherland, of Woodbine Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick A. Egmore and their son, Mr. Frederick A. Egmore, Jr., are leaving this Thursday for Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where they will be the guests of Mrs. Egmore's sister, Mrs. Malcolm Burnside, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mochrie, formerly of Wynnewood Court, are occupying an apartment at Sevilla Court in Bala.

Among the guests who attended the dinner and bridge party on Sunday night given by Mr. and Mrs. Bernardo J. Segui, of Putnam Road, Merion, were Mr. and Mrs. John H. Link, Mr. and Mrs. Le Roy Crehen, Mr. and Mrs. Carl M. Randel, Mr. and Mrs. William C. Lindner, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Cahill and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sherwin Gebler.

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Gunther, Mr. and Mrs. Van Aiken and Mrs. Sarah White, all of Tuckahoe, N. Y., will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. P.

White, of Essex Avenue, over the New Year week-end.

Miss Muriel White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. White, of Essex Avenue, gave a party on Saturday night. The guests were Miss Jane Nash, Miss Emily Titus, Miss Betty Stratton, Miss Betty Bartol, Miss Bunny Cornman, Miss Billy Bieber, Mr. Ned Bartlett, Mr. William Hemsley, Mr. William Holmes, Mr. Crozer Ludlow, Mr. Douglass Bryant, Mr. Bert Lord, Mr. Sam Goldsmith and Mr. Jack Moffett.

Miss Jean Loos, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Loos, of Shirley

Road, has returned from Chatham Hall, Virginia, and is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Loos and family will spend next Sunday in Lancaster, Pa., where they will be the guests of Mrs. A. W. Davis.

Miss Ellen Pray, daughter of Mr. Kenneth L. M. Pray, of Woodside Avenue, returned last Saturday from the University of Wisconsin for the Christmas holidays. Miss Pray is a sophomore at Wisconsin.

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## Westminster Cemetery

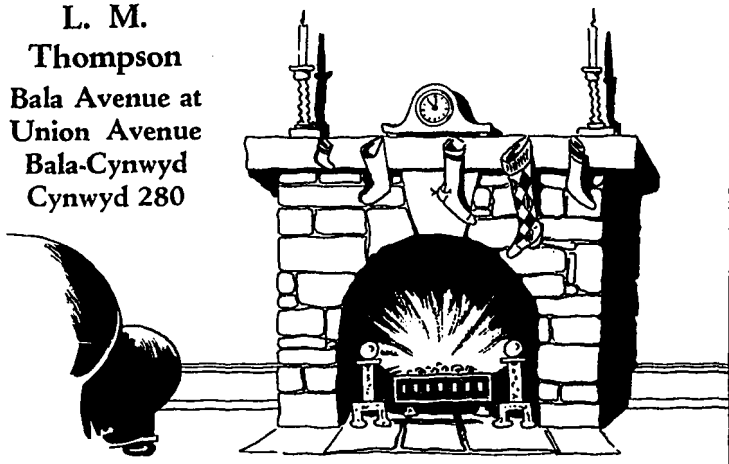
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## THE FIRESIDE

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Mr. and Mrs. Raymond C. Carrick, of 416 Haverford Avenue, have issued invitations for a tea on January 3, from four until six o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Caryl E. Starr and Miss Elaine Starr motored to Pittsburgh last Saturday, where they spent the week-end.

Miss Pauline Gibson, of New York, and her father, Mr. James Gibson, of Wilkensburg, Pa., will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin L. Terry, of Grayling Avenue, on Christmas Day. Miss Erma Ruth Minick, who is attending the National Art School in Washington, D. C., is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Minick, of Woodside Avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul T. Taylor, of Germantown, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, Irene Therese Taylor, on December 18. Mrs. Taylor was the former Miss Marie Rita Largay, of Germantown. Mr. Taylor is the nephew of Mrs. J. B. H. Taylor, of Kenilworth Road, Merion, and a graduate of Villanova College.

Dr. A. E. Taft, of Philadelphia, will be the guest of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Drew, of Moreno Road, Penn Valley, on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hall and their daughter, Miss Mary Hall, of New York, are spending the Christmas holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Clausen, of Meeting House Lane. Mr. and Mrs. Clausen entertained at a buffet supper on Tuesday night in honor of their guests.

Mrs. John L. Steele, of Princeton Road, Cynwyd, entertained at a luncheon on Wednesday in honor of Mrs. Hall and Mrs. John W. Dennis, and at a luncheon on Monday in honor of Mrs. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Russell de Burlew, of Penfield, gave a buffet supper on Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hall and their daughter, Miss Mary Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Durboraw and family, of Elmwood Avenue, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Malin, of Fannetsburg, Pa., for the Christmas holidays.

The Lyric Trio, Florence Haenle, Dorothy Power and Miss Ernestine B. Bacon, of Merion Avenue, are giving a concert at Girard College on Christmas Eve.

Miss Bacon was the soloist at the Union League last Friday evening and the guest soloist at the Bethany Temple Church in Philadelphia on Sunday. She was also the soloist at the meeting of the Llanerch Club on Monday afternoon. Miss Helene Norton was the accompanist.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Elwood, of Sabine Avenue, are visiting Mr. Elwood's parents in Ventnor, N. J., for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor Darlington, of Hampden Avenue, will be the guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Harry P. Seasholtz, of Ardmore, on Christmas Day.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Behney, of Manor Road, Wynnewood, are entertaining at "Open House" on New Year's Day from 4 until 8 o'clock.

## BERTHA E. HARTZEL

Mrs. Bertha E. Hartzel, wife of Edward J. Hartzel, 107 Essex Avenue, Narberth, died shortly after noon Tuesday at the Episcopal Hospital, after a long illness. Friends may view the body this Friday evening at the Stuard funeral parlors in Ardmore, where the Rev. John Van Ness will conduct funeral services at 2:30 P. M. Saturday. Interment will be made in Arlington Cemetery. Mrs. Hartzel is survived by her husband, a son, Austin B. Hartzel, and a sister, Miss Emma M. Smith, of Narberth.

A wise man is one who understands that truth depends on facts—not on his understanding of the facts.

Some men are born liars, while others are merely amateurs.

## Church Notes

## Methodist Episcopal Church

Rev. Samuel MacAdams, Minister.

Sunday, December 27:

9:45 A. M.—Sunday School.  
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship and sermon: "Why His Advent?"  
6:45 P. M.—Epworth League.  
7:45 P. M.—Christmas musicale by our church choir. Brief message by the pastor: "Up Christmas Steps."

## Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

Rev. Cletus A. Senft, Pastor.  
Dawn Service, Christmas morning, 6:30 o'clock.

Sunday, December 27, 1931:

9:30 A. M.—Bible School.  
11:00 A. M.—The morning service with Junior Choir. Theme: "Alpha and Omega."  
6:45 P. M.—Luther League service.  
7:45 P. M.—The evening service. The theme is taken from Plockhurst's famous religious painting entitled "The Flight Into Egypt."

## First Church of Christ, Scientist

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Sunday service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.

Sunday School, 11 A. M.  
Wednesday evening testimonial meetings, 8 o'clock.

Reading Room, 19 West Lancaster Avenue, open daily, 10:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. Wednesday evening, 9:15 to 9:45.

The subject for the Bible lesson sermon for Sunday: "Christian Science." Evening service, 8 o'clock.

## Baptist Church of the Evangel

Robert E. Keighton, Minister.

Sunday, December 27:

10:30 A. M.—A combined service of the Church and School. This service presents several attractive features. The first is a pageant of "The Soldier of Bethlehem," offered by the children of the school. This will be followed by the White Gift Service for our Baptist Orphanage in Philadelphia. The Ordinance of Baptism will bring the service to a fitting close.

7:45 P. M.—Evening service of music. A choir of our young people and a quartet will offer a service of Christmas carols. The quartet is composed of Mrs. John Gilbert, Mrs. Henry Van Dyke, Mr. Walter Taitt and Mr. Robert E. Keighton.

Wednesday, December 30:

8:00 P. M.—Prayer service. This is our monthly Covenant meeting in preparation for the Lord's Supper. The theme will be: "A Covenant With Time."

Friday, January 1:

8:00 A. M.—Our annual New Year's morning service. The pastor brings a message on the theme: "The Beyond Is Within!"

## The Presbyterian Church

John Van Ness, D. D., Minister.

Meetings for December 27:

9:45 A. M.—Bible school. Christmas music.  
11:00 A. M.—Morning worship. Sermon theme: "The Purpose of the Incarnation." There will be special Christmas music.  
11:00 A. M.—The Junior Church, directed by Mrs. Digby and Mrs. H. A. Smith.  
6:45 P. M.—Meetings of the three Endeavor Societies.  
7:45 P. M.—Evening worship. Sermon from the text: "Thou Shalt Call His Name Jesus." Christmas music by chorus and also by the Junior Endeavor Society.

Next Tuesday at 8 P. M., a joint meeting of the elders and trustees.

Next Thursday evening "Watch Night" service, beginning at 11 o'clock. An earnest hour of prayer and praise and dedication. All are invited.

The contest for membership between the Reds and the Blacks in the Women's Bible Class has become exciting. There were 48 present last Sunday, and next Sunday being the last day of the contest promises to be another record breaker.

## THE LIGHTS ON MAIN STREET

And Also on Narberth Avenue

What ho—  
This Christmas glow—  
Of strung lights—  
And holiday show—  
As alert men dare—  
Fine courage to restore—  
Build hope once more—  
Where they have gone.  
To harken back—  
The merry song—  
Of yester-year—  
When hearts were light—  
And spirits bright—  
When life was surer—  
Sweeter, purer—  
When King Midas—  
Had less sway—  
As folks pursued—  
A gentler way. \* \* \*

But even in—  
A small community—  
There's not always—  
Perfect unanimity! \* \* \*

Thus far, no farther—  
Shall you go—  
Stop right here—  
With your Christmas Show!  
What care I—  
For hearts that sing?  
What care I—  
For lights on string?  
This house is mine—  
All mine, I say—  
Keep off my ground—

## Shreds &amp; Patches

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money" by getting the Government to pay \$1,500,000 "for a bunch of foreign books." Mr. Collins ultimate success is said to have derived from his explanation to his constituents that such a large sum was necessary "in order to get a Bible that Moses wrote out of the hands of the heathen."

THE VAGRANT.

Else rue the day!  
For lawyers quick—  
Shall come to me—  
Count me out—  
Of your jubilee!  
My life, forsooth, I live alone—  
You shall not have—  
My bits of stone.

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## Chance Gave Opportunity for Famed Editorial

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a person settled once and for all. The letter was handed to Church for a reply and he, according to the testimony of a contemporary, "bristled and pooh-poohed . . . but he took the letter and turned with an air of resignation to his desk." A few minutes later he handed to his chief a few pages of handwritten copy and promptly forgot the incident. What he had written was printed unostentatiously in the editorial columns of the Sun on September 21, 1897. It was his reply to little Virginia O'Hanlon as to whether or not there was a Santa Claus.

The next year, just before Christmas, the Sun received a request from a reader that the editorial be reprinted. The same thing happened the next year and the next and the next. Thus was a newspaper classic born. Church died April 11, 1906, and the following day the Sun lifted for a moment the anonymity which veiled its editorial writers to tell its readers that the reply to Virginia O'Hanlon's letter, which they had grown to love, was from his pen.

For his editorial was already famous and every year since that time, sometime before Christmas, the New York Sun has reprinted what Francis Church wrote away back in 1897. More than that, it has been reprinted in countless numbers of other newspapers.

Here is Virginia's letter and Francis Church's answer:

"Dear Editor: I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in the Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus—it would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We would have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, or even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else so real.

"No Santa Claus? Thank God!—he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times a thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the hearts of children."

## Time Out

By TOMMY MACKLIN

Basketball is certainly in the spotlight now. The Main Line district is, as Herby Good would say, agog with interest, the air being literally full of basketballs flying for baskets, with plenty of chances that many of them will drop for scores. The Main Line League, the Main Line Protestant Church League, the high schools, preparatory schools, junior high schools, etc., all are in full swing in the winter indoor sport, and many records of one kind or another will be registered this season.

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Many strange things have happened since basketball started forty-two years ago in Springfield, Mass., and this year is likely to see many more. On March 6, 1930, two high school teams, playing in a tournament in Illinois, played a 1-to-0 game, and it was regulation throughout. Georgetown scored a foul goal in the first quarter and played a stalling game for the rest of the evening. Very unusual.

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Right here on our own grounds the Lower Merion Junior High defeated Upper Darby Junior High two years ago, 22 to 0, in a thirty-six-minute game. The visitors had five free shots at the basket, but missed them all. They did not have a clean shot at the hoop all during the game.

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On February 14, 1930, Miss Doris Anderson, playing on the Eldorado, Ark., high school team, scored 106 points, her team winning, 123 to 3. Robert H. Many, of Lehigh University, holds the collegiate scoring record. He played in '28, '29 and '30, rolling up 632 points during his three-year playing period.

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Bill Anderson's boys will not roll up any scoring records this season, but neither will the teams which play against them. He has another good defensive aggregation, one that will hold any opponent fairly low for any regulation game. It is too bad they cannot shoot as well as they can guard.

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It is nice to see the old boys return. Bonniwell, Lockwood, Mandes, Wynn, D'Amora and many others are back, and helping Coach Anderson in his drills by furnishing some opposition for the varsity during holiday practice.

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One of the nicest games we have seen in many years was played at Haverford High School gymnasium Monday night between Ardmore and Haverford in a Main Line League game. It was a nip and tuck affair, both sides showing splendid form in shooting and guarding. The Ardmore boys had a little better of the argument, their eyes showing perfect visibility as they shot for the basket. Kohlhas, Seavey, Flemming, Turner and many of the other locals played great ball. Horton, Chew and Cook-enbach played best for the Haverford team.

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The All-Suburban High School football team as chosen by the league was certainly "All" Suburban. The way the league is grouped in one big conglomerated mass for choosing championships is quite the joke. To list teams like Glen Nor and Prospect Park, good little schools as they are, with teams like Abington, Haverford and Lower Merion is a good exhibition of the mentality used at the league meetings.

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Merry Christmas, athletes.

Heads Basketball Officials. Mrs. Blanche Voorhees Brown, of Valley Forge, has been elected president of the Philadelphia Board of Basketball Officials.

## Three Teams Now Tied for Bowling League Lead

Three teams are now tied for the lead in the Narberth Inter-Church Bowling League as the result of last Friday's matches at the Ardmore Recreation alleys.

The Pilots took two games out of three from the Camels, while the Battlers won three games by forfeit from the Pep Boys. The three teams are now tied for first place with the Lions and Colts only a few points behind.

No games will be rolled during the holidays. The next scheduled match is for Friday evening, January 8.

The standing of the teams and scores:

|                | W. | L. | Pts. |
|----------------|----|----|------|
| Camels .....   | 22 | 14 | 28   |
| Pilots .....   | 21 | 15 | 28   |
| Battlers ..... | 21 | 15 | 28   |
| Lions .....    | 20 | 16 | 26   |
| Colts .....    | 17 | 19 | 24   |
| Meteors .....  | 17 | 19 | 23   |
| Boosters ..... | 13 | 23 | 18   |
| Pep Boys ..... | 12 | 24 | 17   |

Pilots, 3; Camels, 1.

|              | W.  | L.  | Pts. |
|--------------|-----|-----|------|
| Brown ....   | 147 | 131 | 172  |
| Hause ....   | 179 | 144 | 127  |
| Goodrich ..  | 159 | 233 | 164  |
| Follette ... | 176 | 176 | 178  |
| Haws ....    | 147 | 158 | 134  |
| Handicap ..  | 31  | 30  | 31   |

839 872 806 2517

|              | W.  | L.  | Pts. |
|--------------|-----|-----|------|
| Mawhinney .. | 158 | 155 | 161  |
| Rubican ..   | 148 | 117 | ...  |
| Butler ....  | 122 | ... | 169  |
| Johnson ...  | 149 | 169 | 190  |
| Brownback .. | 175 | 214 | 172  |
| Miesen ....  | ... | 136 | 162  |

752 791 854 2397

Lions, 3; Boosters, 1.

|              | W.  | L.  | Pts. |
|--------------|-----|-----|------|
| Sheller .... | 120 | 151 | 167  |
| Cauley ....  | 147 | 148 | 163  |
| Haist ....   | 185 | 125 | 145  |
| Murray ....  | 136 | 195 | 151  |
| Humphries .. | 178 | 176 | 193  |
| Handicap ..  | 6   | 6   | 6    |

772 801 825 2398

|               | W.  | L.  | Pts. |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|
| E. Jenkins .. | 204 | 147 | 154  |
| Riley ....    | 138 | 120 | 139  |
| McCoy ....    | 172 | 189 | 191  |
| Eder ....     | 140 | 138 | 179  |
| Nicholson ..  | 148 | 175 | 147  |

802 769 810 2381

Colts, 2; Meteors, 2.

|             | W.  | L.  | Pts. |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|
| Brennan ..  | 187 | 168 | 167  |
| DeMott .... | 148 | 206 | 164  |
| Meehan .... | 162 | 183 | 169  |
| Conley .... | 190 | 172 | 172  |
| Lacey ....  | 210 | 170 | 148  |

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|               | W.  | L.  | Pts. |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|
| C. Young ..   | 170 | 185 | 234  |
| Davis ....    | 134 | 118 | 181  |
| W. Smedley .. | 131 | 176 | ...  |
| Hartley ....  | 165 | 170 | 175  |
| Stevens ....  | ... | 188 | 199  |
| Blind ....    | 148 | ... | 148  |
| Handicap ..   | 58  | 45  | 25   |

806 882 962 2650

Battlers, 4; Pep Boys, 0.

|               | W.  | L.  | Pts. |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|
| McCarter ..   | 136 | 183 | 187  |
| Keim ....     | 202 | 134 | 147  |
| R. Young ..   | 157 | 144 | 135  |
| Turbit ....   | 181 | 191 | 169  |
| H. Smedley .. | 200 | 186 | 193  |

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## Dances for Choral

Miss Ann Forsyth, of 204 Sabine Avenue, Narberth, entertained the Bala-Cynwyd Community Choral at its rehearsal Monday night, with three dances: toe, acrobatic and tap. She is the 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Marshall Forsyth. The treat was arranged by Harry H. Fisher, who arranged the accompaniment by a hook-up of his phonograph and radio. He also played Schubert's "Unfinished Symphony" for the singers, who are rehearsing under Henry Hotz for the annual production, a minstrel show, to be given at the Bala-Cynwyd Woman's Club, January 29 and 30.

## Christmas Motif Cheers Borough Business Center

Narberth's business section this week reflects credit to the co-operation and Christmas spirit of the borough's business folk responsible for the attractive display. Lights and greens are strung from the Narberth National Bank to the Narberth Theatre. Wiring was done by Walter G. Case.

At the theatre, Frank O'Brien arranged an unusually attractively lighted tree in front, another inside in the rear, two on the stage, and other Christmas greens.

Unofficial awards for best-dressed individual business places are hereby handed the Narberth Theatre and Narberth Coal Company for best-dressed buildings, and to Davis' store for the most attractive window display of merchandise. Honorable mention to Hamer's Delicatessen for the best-dressed tree on Haverford Avenue, and to the Arcadia Restaurant and many other business places for pleasing window displays.

## Hold Christmas Party

The Dr. Benjamin Rush Chapter, D. A. R., of Narberth, held its annual Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Stewart Anderson, 102 Avon Road, Narberth, on Monday afternoon. The Christmas donation of money was made to the Tamasee School and to Ellis Island. The surplus fund will be devoted to welfare work in Narberth.



## Merry Christmas!

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ALL kinds of carpentry work. Cellars cleaned, lawns cared for, painting, very reas. C. Marshall. Cyn. 3273-W.

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SEWING wanted by the day, regularly. Family sewing and mending, also experienced in making curtains and draperies, Phone Narberth 4161. (o-tf)

## Rooms Wanted

ROOMS in Merion or Narberth wanted for light housekeeping by small cultured family. Ph. Merion 399. (omb25)

## Help Wanted

WANTED—White woman for part-time work. Ph. Narb. 2810. (o-25)

## Situations Wanted

IN RETURN for good home, cultured, traveled, French woman desires position in family as teacher, governess, or chaperon. Capable of teaching Eng., French and Music. Apt. B-21, Greenwood 9979. (omb12-25)

COMPANION to lady, refined and educated lady wishes position in cultured home, exp. and best of refs. Ph. Ard. 3099. (omb12-25)

PEARCE SCHOOL and high school graduate desires pos. as stenographer. Exp. Ph. Ard. 1617-M. (omb12-25)

MAN wishes work cleaning windows, housecleaning, butler or kitchen man. Splendid refs. Ph. Ard. 2535-J. (omb-tf)

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YOUNG married Scotch woman would like light housework, by day except Sat. Would take care of children by hour. Ph. Cyn. 3273-W. (omb-tf)

YOUNG man, 18, desires work of any kind. Can do office work. Ph. Narb. 3975-J. (omb-tf)

YOUNG man, 22, wishes position. Can assist a plumber, florist or electrical contractor. Exp. Ph. Narb. 3975-J. (omb-tf)

WOMAN desires general housework, cooking or laundry. Refs. Write Mrs. Gary, 1529 N. 10th St., Phila. (omb-tf)

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WOMAN wishes position as mother's helper. Ph. Ard. 1924. (omb-tf)

WANTED—Job, truck driving or chauffeuring. Ph. "Daisy," Newton Square 176. (omb-tf)

WOMAN wants day's work, cleaning or laundry. Ph. Ard. 1924. (omb-tf)

CARE of children and sewing by hour or day. Can prepare meal. Reas. rate. Call Miss Nimmo, Y. M. C. A. Ard. 3099. (omb-tf)

MAN wishes work cleaning windows, housecleaning, butler or kitchen man. Splendid refs. Ph. Ard. 2535-J. (omb-tf)

COLORED woman desires day's work or general housework. Refs. Ph. Jackson 2094-M. (omb1-8)

## NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Narberth National Bank will be held at its office, Haverford and Essex Avenues, Narberth, Pa., on Tuesday, January 12, 1932, at 5 P. M. for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

J. L. McCRERY, Cashier.

(O1-8-32)

## Little Folks' Party

Clowns, a magician, an animal circus and refreshments will entertain club members' children at the Cynwyd Club's annual Christmas party, to be given at the Trevor Lane club house 3 P. M. next Tuesday.

## Gladwyne Groups Participate in Christmas Activities

Troop 1 of Gladwyne, Boy Scouts of America, under the leadership of a committee of which the members are Richard O. Crout, chairman; Joseph Murphy, Charles Halberstadt, Ralph Wanamaker, Jr., and Stuart Bell, went around Gladwyne collecting toys and clothing to be given to those who, due to present conditions, have not a very cheerful Christmas to look forward to. Many toys they very gladly repaired.

The candidates' class of St. Joseph's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society have collected toys, clothing and vegetables to be distributed where they will bring Christmas cheer. They also made balls and stuffed animals and dressed dolls which are to be distributed by the Philadelphia General Hospital.

The regular branch of St. Joseph's Girls' Friendly Society met Tuesday night to stuff stockings to be distributed also.

The Gladwyne Players are giving the children of Gladwyne a Christmas entertainment this Saturday.



By ROBERT J. EDGAR

Merry Christmas, gardeners all!

And who has a better right to say and feel "Peace on Earth, Good-Will to Men" than they who garden for the love of it? An appreciation of the beautiful and a love of nature is a blessing and adds much to the lives of gardeners and their friends. The everlasting hills, the great trees, a still pond, a garden, large or small—what do they spell? Peace on earth. And what does the garden preach every day in the year? Good-will to men. Here am I, enjoy my beauty, take of my blossoms, feast on my fragrance and take a part of me to your garden. I spell good-will to men and peace on earth.

And so as our garden year draws to a close we think back over the past seasons. Disappointments? Yes, but were the disappointments not as much in men as in the plants themselves? Let us not blame the plants too harshly. Perhaps we did not know the plants and their needs as well as we might have. Many lessons were learned, as they are learned every year. Next year will be a better one. Our garden will be better planned. We will do our work on time and we will tend our garden diligently. And then our garden has grown; every tree and shrub is larger and stronger; that serene and beautiful old age is beginning to show (in the garden), that mellow effect that makes plants look as if they had always been there. Building a real garden is a slow process; therefore, it must be carefully planned. The infant child is not a man in five years; it is nature's way.

At Christmas time we cannot help getting a bit philosophical. It is perhaps because there is so little real gardening to do that we have time to think about it.

Those poinsettia plants like a temperature of from 60 to 65 degrees or over. Do not expose them to cold draughts. The same goes for other tender house plants as well.

Begonias of the large pink-flowered type will stand more sun than the small-flowered varieties. While all begonias like a little moisture they will not stand over-watering.

The Jerusalem cherry likes a cool situation and moist atmosphere. The Norfolk island pine likes a moist atmosphere with lots of sun.

If the cut Christmas tree is placed in a pan of water it will hold its needles very much longer. The falling needles are a bit messy and the slightly-moistened tree is very much safer in regards to fire than the very dry tree.

And don't forget to feed the birds! We will be broadcasting again next week with "Gardeners' New Year Resolutions." Until then, a right Merry Christmas to you all. Signing off, Station RJE.

## Narberth Beats Haverford

Narberth defeated the Haverford Aces 29-16 last Thursday night in a Main Line League basketball game. Pennypacker and Roach scored eight points each for the Narberth five.

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## Bank's Directors Vote to Give Information

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Company as the Secretary may deem pertinent to the rehabilitation thereof with the following depositors' committee: Franklin P. Kromer, David G. Wilson, Yern Jorgensen, George Hall, Benjamin H. Ludlow and Walter R. Faries.

"It would be greatly appreciated if this resolution is adopted by your board with the least possible delay."

Decision to press the request for information followed a visit of the depositors' committee to Harrisburg last Friday. Members of the committee were advised by the State Banking Department to proceed in the above manner to secure the information they desired.

A similar request originating from the same source but not naming a representative committee was refused by directors of the bank at a meeting December 15.

The next step in securing information considered necessary for rehabilitation in connection with the local bank situation will be to secure the approval of the State Banking Department of those of the depositors' committee as being the proper representative persons to secure such information.

According to a statement given out by the depositors' committee, their primary objective is rehabilitation, although, at this time, no promises can be made for the future. Their efforts will be devoted first to ascertain certain facts regarding the Merion Title and Trust Company, and on these facts will rest the possibilities of later developments.

## Church Observing Christmas Season

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All Saints Church with a midnight carol and communion service beginning at 11 o'clock Christmas Eve. At Holy Trinity Lutheran Church a Dawn Service will be held Christmas morning at 6:30.

The origin of the dawn service is traced to the worship in the early morning hours by the shepherds of the newly born babe "wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago. While the Dawn service at the Lutheran Church is not strictly speaking a community service, a cordial invitation is extended by the pastor, the Rev. Cletus A. Senft, to all whom are interested to attend.

A brief service will be held at the Presbyterian Church at 9:30 Christmas morning.

All the churches have been decorated in the customary manner with greens and holly for the yuletide season.

## Juniors Entertain at Christmas Party

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Candles glowed in the center of the table and a tiny red candle lighted each individual place. The effect was charming and drew a round of applause from the guests. A real party feast followed—carols were sung and a general holiday atmosphere graced the occasion. Mrs. J. A. Hongler, president of the senior club, expressed the board's appreciation of the pleasant evening afforded them.

The affair was in charge of the social program committee headed by Mrs. James D. Moore, additionally assisted by Miss Margaret Burrell, Miss Alberta Davis, Miss Margaret Kent, Mrs. E. B. Clark, Miss Jule Fittipoldi and Mrs. B. F. Keenan.

Christmas baskets will be sent to several poor families through the action of the welfare committee in whose hands is the expenditure of the funds for this purpose, acquired at the recent card party which the girls gave.

The juniors took a colorful part in the community Christmas celebration at the Methodist Church Sunday evening being the characters in the "Fezziwig" tableau. These were portrayed by Mrs. E. B. Clark, as Mrs. Fezziwig, Miss Virginia Steinfeld as Miss Fezziwig and Misses Peg Kent and Margaret Livingston as friends of the family. Mrs. James D. Moore assisted with the scenery and properties. As the year closes the juniors feel very proud of a season so far packed full of activities, both social, educational and directed toward welfare. They wish their fellow-members and friends the Happiness of the Season and an eventful and Prosperous New Year.

J. G. M.

## Christmas Rush Began Monday in Earnest

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cial clerks include Charles Henry, Charles Viguers, Frank Hutchinson, Benedict Lanahan and Mrs. Alma Truedell.

Members of the regular staff include carriers Richard Blessing, Raymond Maxwell, Lester Peters, Benjamin Yowell and John Paul. Regular substitutes are Thomas McCartan, Dave Casey and Munroe Purse.

The regular clerks include J. Wallace Goodwin, assistant postmaster; Wayne Burnside, Russell Baseler and Clarence Long, chief dispatcher. I. H. Beyers is the mail messenger and Robert Goodyear the special delivery messenger. Wales Trent is the janitor.

## Second Period Honors Announced by School

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Bailey, Dora Enz, Myrtle Hager, Dorothy Havelock, Helen Mellor, Margaret Stam, Billy Aiken, Everett Clymer, Donald Deaves, Billy Furber, Roger Graham, Clarence Griffis, Dick Hopkins, Teddy Meredith, Bobby Rowley, Bobby Wilmot.

Fifth grade: Ernest Bailey, Calvin Batchelor, Charles Beattie, Carl Brooks, John Fittipoldi, Roger Fox, Elinor Hause, Alan Munro, Deborah Smedley, Janet Stringfield, Ruth Woolmington, Donald Claghorn, Robert Truesdale.

Fourth grade: Richard MacFarland, Dorothy Furber, Mary Louise Paul, Louise Johnston, Louise Barnett, Bill Carroll.

Third grade: Grace Bustos, Barbara Nason, Doris Simons, Jeanne Wohler, James Barnett, Kenneth Leins, James Mackenzie, Elizabeth Foltz, Mary Evans.

The pupils of the school have contributed liberally to the Christmas shower which will be given to the Main Line Federation of Churches through the Junior Red Cross. Many articles of clothing have been given as well as toys, books, etc. The toys were repaired and painted by the children who brought them, assisted by the boys in the woodwork classes.

Following is a list of contributions: Forty-five large toys, aeroplanes, trucks, scooters, go-carts, steam rollers, etc.; 2 packages canned fruit; 30 small toys, 112 books, 79 games, 46 pairs shoes, 4 pairs rubbers, 5 pairs bed slippers, 1 pair galoshes, 18 sweaters (children), 2 women's coats, 52 women's garments, 18 baby's woolen garments, 65 pairs stockings, 150 small trinkets, 3 pairs skates, 30 tams and hats, 75 pieces boys' clothing, 4 men's coats and vests, 1 man's overcoat, 1 man's sweater, 36 pieces underwear, 90 girls' dresses, 40 dolls, 21 stockings (filled).

## Eight Hundred at Narberth Community Service

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and Lucia Keim; Spirit of Christmas (Present), Miss Betty Brunel; Mrs. Cratchit, Mrs. K. M. Williams; Tiny Tim (crippled boy of Bob), Master Warren Vincent; Children in Cratchit Family Scene, Shirley Vincent, Virginia Durbin and Samuel Clevenger; Fred's Wife, Miss Helen Aiken; Her sister, Miss Katharine Loughlin; Topper, John Nash; Spectre of Christmas yet to come, William Loughlin; Old Joe, L. L. Sharpe; Mrs. Diller, Mrs. Victor Krauskopf; The laundress, Mrs. W. P. Gross; the undertaker, Burns F. Best; Boy from Street, Master John Heyman; and Santa Claus, Walter B. Taft.

Mr. McConnell, the young man in the Christmas past scene, substituted at the last minute for Marvin Lebo who was unable to be present.

Caroling singing, led by Bruce Carey, of Cleveland Avenue, Narberth, leader of the Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia, opened the service. The scripture lesson was read by the Rev. Cletus A. Senft, pastor of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, while the Rev. Robert E. Keighton, pastor of the Baptist Church offered the prayer. Benediction at the close of the service was pronounced by the Rev. Samuel MacAdams of the Methodist Church. The choir of the Methodist Church sang the anthem and a male quartet of that church sang a Christmas carol.

The offering at the service amounted to \$73.05 which will be used to cover the expenses of the entertainment. Any surplus will be devoted to expenses of future services.

W. H. Muller of the Narberth Players served as director of the performance, assisted by Mrs. Kathleen McConnell. V. O. Krouskop was in charge of the stage and lighting while Mrs. William Loughlin, Mrs. Joseph R. Aiken and Mrs. C. Arley Farmer were in charge of the costumes. Properties were managed by Mrs. James D. Moore and L. Fielding Howe.



### Christmas Greetings

At Christmas time our fondest memories are of the old home and our happiest thoughts are of today's home and the loved ones in it.

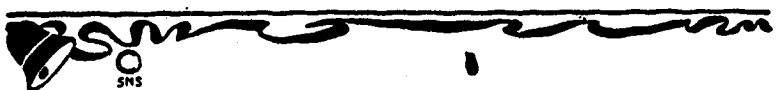
For in the home is created that atmosphere of good will and good cheer which we call the Spirit of Christmas.

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